

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events

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December 1st - December 18th
Tues to Fri 1-5pm, Sat to Sun 10-5pm,
Closed Mondays
December 19th - January 3rd
Daily 10-5pm, 12/24 & 1/31 10-3pm, Closed 12/25 & 1/1
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Potawatomi Inn Activities

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.
Too cold to go outside?... Check out our Inn craft room! There are many items from which to choose, from a simple bracelet to a holiday decoration. Stop by the Activities Room or check our schedule at the main desk. Join us!
Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...



All Programs Are on Eastern Daylight Savings Time

Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Saturday, December 5

- 10:30am **WINTER WETLAND WANDER** - Bundle up and meet in the Inn Lobby for a short walk down to the Lake Lonidaw wetlands as we search for the winter life at this special area.
- 3:00pm **REMAINS TO BE SEEN** - Test your nature detective skills during this program at the Nature Center where we will have interesting objects from nature or critters who have passed on.
- 7:30pm **TURTLE BEDTIME STORIES** - Before snuggling into your warm bed, come on down to the Inn's Lonidaw Lounge where the Naturalist will have some show-and-tell items to share with turtle-themed children's stories for all ages to enjoy.



Sunday, December 6

- 8:30am **JUNCO JAUNT** - Join us on the Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning hike where we will be looking for Juncos, other snowbirds and winter wildlife. We have binoculars to share.

Saturday, December 12

- 2:00pm **PEOPLE OF THE PLACE OF FIRE** - Come to the Nature Center Auditorium to learn about the life of the Potawatomi people who once roamed this land.
- 7:30pm **SNOW BEDTIME STORIES** - Before snuggling into your warm bed, come on down to the Inn's Lonidaw Lounge where the Naturalist will show and share some children's stories about snowflakes for all ages to enjoy. You will have the opportunity to design your own snowflake.



Sunday, December 13

- 8:30am **EARLY-BIRD-GETS-THE-WORM HIKE** - Meet the Naturalist at the Inn Sun Deck to embark on our traditional Sunday morning stroll with our binoculars in hand to seek out winter birds and wildlife.



Saturday, December 19

- 2:00pm **NATURE'S ORNAMENTS** - All are welcome to meet in the Nature Center Auditorium for this program where you can create an ornament for your holiday table or tree by using items from nature.
- 7:30pm **WINTER BEDTIME STORIES** - Before snuggling into your warm bed, come on down to the Inn's Lonidaw Lounge where the Naturalist will have some show-and-tell items to share with winter-themed children's stories for all ages to enjoy.



Sunday, December 20

- 8:30am **LAST DAYS OF AUTUMN SAUNTER** - Join the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck where we will embark on our last hike of Autumn looking for birds and other winter wildlife.
- 2:00pm **NATURE JOURNALS** - Come to the Nature Center Auditorium to discuss journaling and craft a nature journal to call your own. We will help you to create your first entry, too.

Monday, December 21

- 10:30 **FROZEN FEN HIKE** - Bundle up and join us in the Inn Lobby where we will take a hike down to the Lake Lonidaw Fen and see what makes this habitat special in the winter.

Tuesday, December 22

- 10:30am **EVERGREEN - EVERGREAT** - Come to the Nature Center front lawn where we will begin a short hike looking at a very popular group of trees - the evergreens.
- 2:00pm **TEA TIME** - Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium with your pinkies up and enjoy a sampling of a few different hot teas made from the nature around you.



Wednesday, December 23

- 10:30am **WINTER SEARCH PARTY** - Meet at the Trine State Recreation Area Welcome Center where we will bundle up and head out into the nearby woods to search for signs of animal activity.
- 2:00pm **LEGENDS OF THE SEASON** - Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium for a talk where we will learn more about the legends behind some of the season's traditions from around the world.

Thursday, December 24

- 9:00am **17th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE WALK** - Join the Naturalist for a hike through the park's interior to relax and enjoy the spirit of the season. Meet on the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck for a hike back to the Spring Shelter, warm-up by a fire, enjoy some treats, and then return to the Inn.

Saturday, December 26

- 2:00pm **FUNCTIONS OF FEATHERS** - Try to fly on over to the Nature Center Auditorium to discover some fascinating facts about feathers.
- 7:30pm **SMAMMAL BEDTIME STORIES** - Before snuggling into your warm bed, think small and come on down to the Inn's Lonidaw Lounge where the Naturalist will have some show-and-tell items to share with small mammal-themed children's stories for all ages to enjoy.



Sunday, December 27

- 8:30am **WINTER WANDER** - Join us for our traditional Sunday morning hike leaving from the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck. We will go on an easy stroll to discover what types of animals we might see or hear.
- 10am - 2pm **BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATION** - Stop by the Nature Center anytime to experience birds up-close with Brad Bumgardner, Naturalist at the Indiana Dunes State Park. He will first catch birds in special nets at our bird feeding stations and then bring them inside briefly to band and record their information.

Tuesday, December 29

- 10:30am **CRITTER FEEDING** - Stop in the Nature Center to see our critters eat their breakfast.
- 2:00pm **HELL'S POINT BOUND** - Visit the highest point in the park along with other natural features on this 1 ½ hour hike meeting at the historic Spring Shelter. Parking is available on the road above the shelter.



Wednesday, December 30

- 2:00pm **PINE CONE FEEDERS** - Feed the birds from your tent, camper, or home using this easy-to-make pine cone feeders. Bundle up and come join us at the Nature Center.

Friday, January 1 (Nature Center Closed)

- 1:00pm **FIRST DAY HIKE!** - Ring in 2016 by joining the Naturalist at the Potawatomi Inn Lonidaw Lounge for a First Day Hike and Campfire Marshmallow Roast by the Toboggan Run. The hike will be less than a mile in length and we will end at the Toboggan Run Fire Ring for our first campfire of the new year. Roast marshmallows and enjoy the fire from 2 to 3pm.



Saturday, January 2

- 2:00pm **SNOWSHOE SHUFFLE** - Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium for a short talk on snowshoes and the sport. Then we will start a short walk through the woods. Snowshoes are available on a first come-first serve basis. In case of too little snow, we will still hike nearby.
- 7:30pm **OWL BEDTIME STORIES** - Before snuggling into your warm bed, think small and come on down to the Inn's Lonidaw Lounge where the Naturalist will have some show-and-tell items to share with owl-themed children's stories for all ages to enjoy.



Sunday, January 3

- 8:30am **WINTER WAKE-UP WALK** - Bring your warm clothes and meet us in the Inn Lounge by the fish tank. Then we will bundle up and head out for a fresh air walk searching for birds and other wildlife.